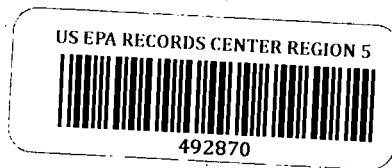


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April 22, 2003

Ms. Ruth A. Woodfork  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 5  
Emergency Enforcement & Support Section, SE-5J  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

RE: N-Forcer Site  
General Notice of Potential Liability

Dear Ms. Woodfork:

This letter responds to Richard C. Karl's April 9, 2003 letter to W.R. Grace & Co. ("Grace") notifying Grace of potential CERCLA liability for the above site. Grace received Mr. Karl's notice letter on April 17, 2003.

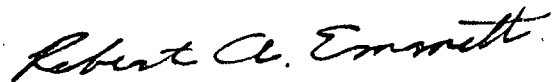
Grace is not in a position to perform or finance the response activities described in Mr. Karl's letter. As you may know, on April 2, 2001 W.R. Grace & Co. and certain of its affiliates (collectively, "Grace") filed for reorganization in Wilmington, Delaware under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Grace's bankruptcy case remains pending.

All holders of claims against Grace, other than holders of Asbestos Personal Injury Claims and Zonolite Attic Insulation Claims, were required to file proofs of claim in the Grace Chapter 11 cases by March 31, 2003, the Bar Date set by the Bankruptcy Court for the filing of all such claims, including environmental claims. As you may know, EPA filed such a claim, dated March 27, 2003, but that claim did not include, and made no specific reference to, the N-Forcer Site. Accordingly, it would appear that your claim relating to the N-Forcer Site is untimely and is barred by the deadline set by the Bankruptcy Court in this matter.

If you have any further inquiries of Grace concerning the N-Forcer site,  
Grace's contact is as follows:

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert A. Emmett".

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